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The above-identified U.S. patent application is a division of co-pending U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/044,487, filed March 19, 1998.

In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants wish to bring the following items to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of the documents are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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Each of the following items were cited by the Examiner in the parent application, Serial No. 09/044,487:

- (1) Jacobs et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,049,794, issued April 11, 2000;
- (2) Iliff, Patent No. 6,071,236, issued June 6, 2000;
- (3) Skeirik, U.S. Patent No. 4,965,742, issued October 23, 1990;
- (4) McIlroy et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,953,704, issued September 14, 1999;
- (5) John, U.S. Patent No. 4,279,258, issued July 21, 1981;.
- (6) Fischler et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,527,567, issued July 9, 1985;
- (7) Brom et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,917,117, issued April 17, 1990;
- (8) Marandici et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,337,373, issued August 9, 1994;
- (9) Kuhn, U.S. Patent No. 5,810,728, issued September 22, 1988;
- (10) Steiger et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,850,836, issued December 22, 1998; and Applicants also wish to bring the following item to the attention of the Examiner:
- (11) Finitzo et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,003,986, issued April 2, 1991.

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